

Dramatic

IT is something of a regret that two stars of the magnitude of Kyrie Bellow and Henry Miller should visit Salt Lake so close together, Mr. Miller following upon Mr. Bellow's heels.

The exigencies of bookings east and west, however, make no account of dates en route, and Salt Lake Theater patrons will have to make the best of it, though there is no doubt that if a week had intervened between the two attractions, both would have been benefited. Miller comes Monday night fresh from his San Francisco engagement, where he produced for the first time in America, the new play, "Joseph Entangled," only recently brought out in London.

While there is very keen interest to see the new play, there is not less felt over the production of "Mice and Men," one of the strong New York successes, of which Mr. Miller also gives us our first glimpse.

In addition to the popular actor himself, his visit brings a number of interesting people, including Billie Spong, who came to us not long since at the head of the company rendering "Lady Muriel's Experiment," and Miss Jessie Husley, who has very high metropolitan reputation. "Joseph Entangled" forms the bill Monday and Wednesday nights, while "Mice and Men" is to be given only a single presentation, Tuesday evening.

That fascinating, exciting, breathless, and improbable play "Raffles" drew a second good audience last night, and winds up its very pleasant Salt Lake experience this afternoon and evening. It is by all means worth seeing, and old theater-goers who have been wont to mourn the decadence of the melodramatic on the stage, will find something here entirely to their taste even though the melo-drama is clothed in the newest society attire. If one were critically inclined, one's finger might be laid on a good many weak spots in the construction of this play, and it is not the slightest of its claims to cleverness that it is able to sweep an audience off its feet and make it forget all about them. For instance, at the end of the first act Raffles, in robbing the burglar of Lady Dinemore's jewels, inevitably places himself in a position that must lead to detection, and the curtain falls, leaving one mystified as to how he could hope to escape with the booty, for if the detective did not suspect him, the burglar would surely "panch." Another episode that must be called rather lame is Raffles' love-making to Gwendolyn, in using his tenderest manner to plead for his friend, and his surprise when he discovers that the girl thought he was pleading his own cause. The exciting finish to the play, clever as it is, only causes the audience to forget for a moment that the hotel is surrounded by police, and that Raffles' escape could only have been out of the frying pan into the fire.

Mr. Holland's presence in the cast, and his reincarnation of the once famous detective, was a perfect delight. One could not follow his delineation, however, without feeling something of a pang at the memory it raised of that glorious old "Jim" the Penman company, and the thought of how rare such an aggregation of players today.

Captain Hill, the singer's wife, Mrs. LeMoyne, as his wretched companion, Mr. Holloman as Jim, Herbert Kelvey as the friend, Louis Massier, and Holland himself—it would be hard indeed to find a group like them today, to say nothing of meeting a play of such strength, vigor, and depth of interest.

A letter from Miss Helen Boyer in New York states that she is considering an tour as a western starling in "The Pretty Sister," and Miss Boyer will be well remembered as the Zoot of "Cortezion," and her admirers here hope the tour may materialize.

The Grand just now is in the hands of painters, electricians, carpenters and plasterers, a small army of whom are busy overhauling the house preparing for the opening of the season on the 15th. A new fire alarm system, very valuable, and an asbestos curtain have been installed to put the house in line with the new fire regulations. The opening bill will be Nellie DeCorsey in "An Orphan's Prayer." Following that come "York State Folks" and "For Her Sake."

Miss Hattie Hinson, who plays the part of the English grand dame in "Raffles" in a way that suggests she is to the manner born, is a sister of the famous actress, Miss Ada Rehan.

The Salt Lake Theater's new asbestos curtain was not seen as expected on the opening night of the season, Thursday. The curtain was in its place, but a delay in the arrival of the rings needed to run it up and down, prevented its being used. It will, however, be out in commission immediately. The iron staircase on the side of the stage which will be used as an exit for the third gallery is nearing completion, and will be ready early in the season.

THEATRE GOSSIP.

Mrs. Wallwright was mistaken for Mrs. Florence Mathison on the Minnehaha, which ruined New York last week. Mrs. Wallwright's visit caused the trouble.

Melbourne MacDowell was married recently, according to a report from San Francisco, to a nonprofessionals of that city named Bertha Woodin.

Jefferson de Angelis is to have a new production this year entitled "Fantasia." De Angelis will have in his support Adele Ritchie, Julia Sanderson and Katie Barry.

Nat C. Goodwin will come west during the season to present a new comedy called "The Usurper." The scenes of the play are laid partly in England and partly in America.

Miss May Robson, white in England recently, secured a new musical comedy called "The Lucky Number," which has a Cockney servant for the principal character.

"Toomuvvov" is what the San Francisco Chronicle calls "Candida," Bernard Shaw's play now being produced

that as soon as the Fawcett play is launched he will hurry back there.

Although James K. Hackett has been reported to have patched up his differences with the syndicate managers, he has promised to be a good boy in the future. His past indiscretions have not interfered with his plans as a producing manager. Hackett does not open his own starring tour until October, but he produces in Gotham this week a lively farce called "Jack's Little Surprise," with Arthur Byron featured in the cast. He will also send "The Se-



MRS. HENRY MILLER.

Who Returns to Salt Lake in Two Enticing New Plays Next Week.

for Mrs. Bloodgood and "Grainger" for Mrs. Gilbert, Clyde Fitch will begin work on a new play for Blanche Walsh, to be produced in New York after the holidays.

George E. Lask, the well known stage manager, has come over to London during July and was a fellow passenger on the voyage with the English manager, Ben Guest.

Joseph Kifore, who was to have been in Amelia Bingham's company on its return to America, has agreed to play in more than one play a week and assigned. He has been signed to play the leading part in "Siberia," which is to be revived by W. A. Brady at McVicker's theater early in October.

Dramatic Mirror. Miss Leontine De Armon, a charming little Salt Lake City girl recently discovered by Messes. Klaw & Erlanger, has been given the leading role in "The Little Princess." She is said to possess rare beauty and has an unequalled talent for singing. Her personality is said to be as pleasing as her voice.

Susanne Jerjesova, an actress who has not yet completed her tenth year, has sold by the intermediary of her father Sami Bernick for £200 francs damages for having refused to allow her to appear in a part in Varens for which she had been expressly engaged. The court awarded her 250 francs damages.

Zangwill's long-cherished ambition to be accepted as a playwright would appear to be nearing realization. The author has been approached by the managers of three plays, "Jenny" and "Harry May Anna," already noted, and "The Semi-nude Governess," in which Cecilia Loftus will make a bid for publication.

Judge Ferguson has leased a temporary residence to restrain John P. Jefferson and others from selling the property in Taunton, Mass., occupied by Nance O'Neill, the actress, as her summer home. There are three mortgages, amounting to \$1,000, one of which was foreclosed. Miss O'Neill and Judge Ferguson will be held to pay the property.

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